

“Teachers are our nation’s  
'mind workers' – the people  
who know best about  
teaching and learning. It is  
they who need to take charge  
of improving education.”

Charles Kerchner, Julia Koppich & Joseph Weeres,  
“Taking Charge of Quality: How Teachers and  
Unions Can Revitalize Schools”

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# You Can Represent MCEA at the NEA Annual Convention

*Washington, DC  
June 30-July 5, 2012*

## Here's How...

## What Happens at the NEA Convention?

The National Education Association Representative Assembly...

- establishes the NEA's general objectives and legislative agenda,
- adopts a budget,
- sets annual dues,
- elects national officers and at-large NEA directors, and
- directs the national association's activities through new business items.

## How Can I Become a Delegate?

Delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly will be elected by the MCEA membership in an all-member vote during March 2012. MCEA is entitled to approximately 76 delegates (based upon membership estimates). It is MCEA's policy to strongly encourage the participation of minorities.

All active MCEA members are eligible for election as delegates to attend the NEA Convention. First-time delegates are especially encouraged to run.

If you would like to represent MCEA at the National Education Association's Representative Assembly June 30-July 5, 2012, please complete the form at right and

return to Kiwana Hall at the MCEA office, via pony, **no later than February 27, 2012.**

NEA delegates are elected in an all-member vote conducted in March. MCEA will distribute the NEA Ballots with a list of candidates' qualifications, as supplied by the candidates.

We want members to know something about the people for whom they are voting. Please give us no more than four lines (approximately 60 words), which should include your current assignments, association activities, leadership positions, minority status (optional), and reasons for seeking election. For example: "served 3 years as MCEA rep, currently on PALS Comm., contract enforcement training, want to further education reform."

Substitute and Home & Hospital teachers must have worked for at least 7 days last year, or work at least 7 days before March 1st of this year, in order to be eligible for MCEA membership and election as a delegate to the NEA Convention (MCEA Bylaws Section 2b).

## Who Pays for Delegates' Expenses?

MCEA provides a stipend which should cover most, though not necessarily all, travel, room and reasonable food expenses.

NOTE: Nomination receipt confirmation will be sent. Nominees may contact Mrs. Hall before 2/27/2012 to confirm receipt of nomination forms if confirmation has not been received.

## NEA Convention Delegate NOMINATION FORM

You may nominate yourself or another MCEA member.

**PLEASE PRINT**

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Print Name of Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_  
School/Office

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Signature of Nominee

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Print Name of Nominator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address/Street

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City

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State

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Zip

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Employee ID

Ethnic minority Yes  No

Would this be your first time attending as a delegate? Yes  No

Qualifications (attach additional sheet if needed) \_\_\_\_\_

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**VERY IMPORTANT!**

**COMPLETE AND RETURN TO MCEA  
NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 27, 2012**